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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S VISIT TO SCANDINAVIA

1. WHILE CALLING ON SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF KHMER REPRESENTATION AT 29TH UNGA (SEPTEL), I ASKED WHETHER FORTHCOMING VISIT OF TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT IS STILL ON IN VIEW OF PRESS REPORTS THAT VISIT MIGHT BE POSTPONED BECAUSE OF THE TURKISH ROLE IN CYPRUS.

2. ANDERSSON REPLIED THAT AS FAR AS GOS IS CONCERNED, VISIT IS STILL ON AND ECEVIT IS CERTAINLY WELCOME IN SWEDEN. HOWEVER, HE WONDERED WHETHER THE GOT MIGHT NOT DECIDE TO POSTPONE THE VISIT. ANDERSSON NOTED THAT PROFESSOR ULLMAN, A SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, WOULD BE CALLING ON HIM (ANDERSSON) TODAY, AND GOS WOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF GOT THINKING ON THE VISIT AFTER THEIR  
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MEETING. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT

ULLMAN HAD TALKED DAY EARLIER WITH NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI, AND WHILE THE GOS DID NOT HAVE A FULL REPORT ON THAT MEETING, IT HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOT MIGHT DECIDE TO PUT OFF THE VISIT.

3. AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, ANDERSSON CONTINUED, IS THE EXISTENCE IN SWEDEN OF A COLONY OF MORE THAN 15,000 GREEKS, AND UNDOUBTEDLY THERE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS AGAINST THE VISIT. (I COMMENTED THAT AS LONG AS THERE WAS AN AMERICAN EMBASSY TO SERVE AS A LIGHTNING ROD FOR THE DEMONSTRATORS, THE TURKISH EMBASSY NEED HAVE LITTLE CONCERN, AN OBSERVATION WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS AIDE SEEMED TO RELISH.)

4. ANDERSSON DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE BACKGROUND OF THE INVITATION TO ECEVIT, NOTING THAT IT HAD BEEN EXTENDED FIRST BY PRIME MINISTER PALME AT THE POMPIDOU FUNERAL, AND THAT SUBSEQUENTLY THE OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES HAD EXTENDED SIMILAR INVITATIONS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID ECEVIT'S EFFORTS TO EXTEND DEMOCRACY IN TURKEY WERE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED IN SWEDEN. I REPLIED THAT I SHARED THIS HIGH REGARD FOR THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION BOTH AS AN INTELLECTUAL AND AN ASTUTE POLITICIAN.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S ASSERTION THAT AS FAR AS SWEDEN IS CONCERNED THE VISIT OF THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER IS STILL ON, I HAVE SOME DOUBTS THAT THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. IT WAS CLEAR FROM OUR DISCUSSION THAT THE GOS LEADERSHIP (AND PROBABLY THE OTHER SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS AS WELL) REGARD THE TIMING OF THE VISIT AS AWKWARD. THEREFORE, I THINK IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE GOT WILL BE EUCOURAGED TO POSTPONE THE VISIT TO A MORE OPPORTUNE TIME. STRAUZ-HUPE

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